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ENCOUNTERS BETWEEN ARMY AND TERRORISTS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of officers and soldiers of the Army martyred and injured in the encounters with the terrorists during the current year;

(b) the total number of terrorists killed by the soldiers in the encounters alongwith the number of terrorists apprehended and surrendered;

(c) whether the soldiers are being equipped with modern weapons against the ambush attacks being carried out by the terrorists;

(d) if not, the reasons therefore; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) The details of Fatal/Non-Fatal casualties suffered by Army in the encounters with terrorists during the year 2007 (upto 28th February, 2007) are as under:-

	Officers	JCOs	OR
Fatal	1	2	8
Non-Fatal	0	0	4

(b) 38 terrorists have been killed, 39 terrorists have been apprehended by the Army and 11 terrorists have surrendered.

(c) to (e): The troops of the Indian Army fighting terrorism in J&K are appropriately equipped to carry out their assigned task. Equipping soldiers to effectively fight terrorism is an ongoing and continuous process, which takes into account the changes in tactics and weapon/equipment profile of the terrorists. All efforts are made to ensure that our troops have the state of art weapons and equipment to maintain the required edge over the terrorists.